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Honorable John E. Moss  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Foreign  
Operations and Government Information  
Committee on Government Operations  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letters to Mr. McCone of 13 May and 26 May 1964 with regard to arrangements for representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency to participate in a hearing before the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee on the subject of the polygraph. Representatives of the Agency have discussed with you our concern for the proper security precautions to protect what we regard as sensitive information.

It is my understanding that the arrangements mutually agreed upon include the following: (a) the hearing would be in executive session; (b) no publicity attendant upon the hearing although it is recognized that your report will, of course, refer to participation by Agency witnesses; (c) due to the sensitivity of the material to be covered, the transcript, together with the reporter's notes, will be held by the Agency with the transcript available upon request of any member of the Subcommittee; (d) if any item is touched on which is regarded by the Agency witnesses as particularly sensitive, the reporter will be excused from the hearing room; and (e) the report will be reviewed with members of my staff to insure against inadvertent disclosure of sensitive information.

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In your most recent letter, you suggested the dates of 2, 3, and 4 June. Unfortunately, one of the key Agency officials who would be involved in the hearing can not be available on those specific dates. I would like to suggest that members of our respective staffs attempt to work out mutually convenient dates. I wish to assure you that the Agency is desirous of being fully cooperative in providing maximum assistance and information to the Subcommittee in this most important area of activity. I do appreciate your cooperation in working out these arrangements designed to assure proper security safeguards.

Faithfully yours,

SIGNED

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